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Enhancing complementarities among international instruments related to environment and sustainable development

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21[1] adopted at its nineteenth special session,

Recalling also its resolutions 53/186 of 15 December 1998 on international institutional arrangements related to environment and development, 53/242 of 28 July 1999 on the report of the Secretary-General on environment and human settlements, and 54/217 of 22 December 1999 on enhancing complementarities among international instruments related to environment and sustainable development,

Reaffirming the need, as stipulated in the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, for greater coherence in various intergovernmental organizations and processes by means of better policy coordination at the intergovernmental level, as well as for continued and more concerted efforts to enhance collaboration among the secretariats of relevant decision-making bodies,

Emphasizing the need for environmental conventions to continue to pursue sustainable development objectives that are consistent with their provisions and to be fully responsive to Agenda 21,[2]

[1] Resolution S-19/2, annex.

[2] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I, *Resolutions adopted by the Conference*, resolution 1, annex II.

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1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General;[3]

2. *Welcomes* the work undertaken by the secretariats of the instruments related to environment and sustainable development and other relevant organizations to implement resolution 54/217;

3. *Encourages* the conferences of the parties to and the permanent secretariats of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,[4] the Convention on Biological Diversity[5] and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa,[6] and other international instruments related to environment and sustainable development, as well as relevant organizations, especially the United Nations Environment Programme, and through the environmental management group, to continue their work for enhancing complementarities among them with full respect for the status of the secretariats of the conventions and the autonomous decision-making prerogatives of the conferences of the parties to the conventions concerned, and to strengthen cooperation with a view to facilitating progress in the implementation of those conventions at the international, regional and national levels;

4. *Encourages also* the conferences of the parties to and the permanent secretariats of the relevant instruments related to environment and sustainable development to promote further the complementarities among them, inter alia, through coordination of the timing of their sessions and the sessions of their subsidiary bodies, taking into account the organization of work of the General Assembly;

5. *Invites* the permanent secretariats of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, and other relevant international organizations to provide further information on their work to implement resolution 54/217 and other complementary activities in their contributions to the preparatory process of the review of the implementation of Agenda 21[2] to be carried out in 2002;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take into account the above work in the preparation of documentation and other preparatory activities for the review of the implementation of Agenda 21 to be carried out in 2002.

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[3] A/55/57.

[4] A/AC.237/18 (Part II)/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex I.

[5] See United Nations Environment Programme, *Convention on Biological Diversity* (Environmental Law and Institution Programme Activity Centre), June 1992.

[6] A/49/84/Add.2, annex, appendix II.